is at preliminary stage, no plans on construction of international cargo hub can be spelt out.

Enhancement of eligibility limit for payment of bonus

*394. SHRI C. PERUMAL; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to enhance the eligibility limit for payment of bonus from three thousand five hundred rupees to a suitable limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Enhancement of the eligibility limit under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 from Rs. 3500/- to Rs. 7500/- per month, and the calculation limit from Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 3500/- per month, as recommended by the Second National Commission on Labour (NCL) is being examined by the Ministry of Labour in consultation with all the stakeholders. The financial implication of such a step in respect of the employees of Public Sector Undertakings (both central and State), Central and State Governments and Autonomous Organisations, besides the Private Sector are also being studied by the Ministry of Labour.

Financial Package to Himachal Pradesh

†*395. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has announced to give financial package to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, if so, amount of fund given;

(b) items and schemes for which fund has been released under the said financial package;

(c) whether any special assistance has been given for the annual plan of the State in this financial package, if so, details thereof; and

†Original notice of the the question was received in Hindi.